

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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SEAMEN'S PROVIDENT FUND SCAM
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of Seamen's Provident Fund Scam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of persons against whom action has been taken so far;
- (d) whether the Government has received representation for the replenishment of the funds of seamen;
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon so far; and
- (f) the manner in which the Government proposes to deal with the Seamen's Provident Fund lost in the Scam?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a),(b)&(c) Yes, Sir. The misappropriation of Seamen's Provident Fund (SPF) to the tune of Rs. 92.78 crores was noticed in May, 2002. Immediately after this fraud came to notice, it was looked into and a Special Audit by a reputed Firm of Chartered Accountants was got done during the same week. On 10.5.2002, a complaint was lodged with CBI. The CBI arrested the then Commissioner, Seamen's Provident Fund Organisation. The CBI has completed its inquiry and filed the charge sheet in the Court at Mumbai on 10.11.03 against 15 persons involved.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) & (f) The proposal to recoup the lost funds is under consideration of the Government.